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1. ON NOVEMBER 18 WE DISCUSSED WITH INSPECTOR ANTONIO CLARO STATUS OF CENTER FOR DRUG INVESTIGATION AND CONTROL (CICD). PORTUGUESE PROGRAM IS FINALLY BEGINNING TO GAIN MOMENTUM, AS:

-- LEASE FOR INTERIM OFFICES IN BEING CONCLUDED;
-- JUSTICE MINISTER HAS AUTHORIZED CLARO AND TWO SUBORDINATES TO DIRECT CICD PENDING THEIR FORMAL APPOINTMENTS, WHICH ARE EXPECTED SOON; AND
-- JUSTICE MINISTER IS EXPECTED WITHIN FEW DAYS TO ISSUE ORDER AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT.

2. DESPITE INCREASED MOMENTUM, ACTIONS ARE STILL RUNNING BEHIND ORIGINAL SCHEDULE. WE NOW EXPECT THAT CICD CAN COMPLETE ITS HIRING AND INITIAL ORGANIZATION BY END OF THE YEAR, AND BEGIN ITS BASIC 90-DAYS TRAINING COURSE BY FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY 1977. EVEN UNDER BEST HYPOTHESIS, CICD WOULD NOT BE READY FOR DEA TRAINING BY FEBRUARY 22-MARCH 4.

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3. CLARO SAID THAT DEA CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL TRAINING,

MR. LEMY, TOLD HIM IN ROME RECENTLY THAT DEA WOULD REQUIRE ONLY TWO MONTHS' ADVANCE NOTICE OF DEFINITE DATES. HOWEVER, IF SPECIFIC DATES ARE REQUIRED AT THIS TIME, WE PROPOSE COURSE BE HELD MAY 2-13. WE HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT THESE DATES CAN BE FLEXIBLE. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONFIRM DEFINITE DATES BY END OF THE YEAR.

4. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY CLARO'S APPRECIATION OF DEA ALUMNI MEETING. HE SAID THAT LEVEL OF EXCHANGE WAS FAR HIGHER THAN AT INTERPOL MEETINGS HE HAS ATTENDED. CLARO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ALUMNI GATHERING WOULD BE REPEATED IN THE FUTURE.
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